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Researching a news event, natural disaster, or environmental event

My Note Sheets

Step One: Identifying Causes and Effects from the Texts we Read


- ✓ You will be reading various texts about natural disasters or environmental events. As you read, use the graphic organizer below to capture the causes and effects from of each event or natural disaster.
- ✓ Then, you will combine information from at least two sources to compose one summary.

Title:

Causes:

Effects:



Title:	
Causes:	Effects: 

Title of the texts:

Causes:

Effects:



Step Three: Prewriting a News Report

Now, you will write a news report that reveals what you learned from your research.

- ✓ You may use this page and any strategy you wish to brainstorm and plan this news report. You may also choose to use the graphic organizer on the following page.

A Graphic Organizer for Planning the Content of Your Project

Introduction: Hello! I am _____ reporting from _____.

Event:

Causes:

Effects:

Conclusion:

Step Four: Creating Your Rough Draft and Self-Assessing Your Work

- ✓ Use the organizer to create a rough draft of your product. Remember, you will be revising this and editing it, so be sure to use materials that you are comfortable making changes to.
- ✓ Use the rubric provided to assess your draft.
- ✓ Write your response to the question below.

Now that you've self-assessed, what changes do you plan to make? Why?